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THAT BILLION BUSHEL WHEAT CROP

WHILE there is every indication that this country will have the greatest wheat crop on record the forecast may be premature owing to climatic conditions which of recent weeks do not carry out the assumption that the farmer will grow stoop-shouldered carrying his money to the bank. While the outlook was favorable last month numerous elements have been injected since that time to make one skeptical of the actual outcome of the harvest. The drought that militated against the big crop last year is still evident in many sections and other quarters report a most unfavorable temperature and lack of moisture. The official government report for the month of May discloses that instead of having a normal rainfall in the chief grain growing states of the west there has been a lamentable lack of precipitation and the temperature has been unseasonably low. Rain in amounts of a tenth of an inch fell during the last week in May in northern Nevada, northern Utah, southern Idaho and the Puget Sound country. Lesser amounts fell in southern Nevada, northern California, Oregon, eastern Washington and northern Idaho. The cloudy area was greater than the rain area and unusually low temperature prevailed in all portions of the Pacific coast district, especially in the afternoons. While this cool and cloudy weather was favorable for grain and forage it retarded germination and growth of late planted crops. Frost was damaging to fruit in Idaho and garden and truck crops in Oregon and Washington. In Idaho the frost in the Boise and Payette valleys so badly damaged the commercial orchards that very little, if any, fruit will be gathered this year. Cut worms and aphids have done considerable damage to gardens in Washington and aphids are becoming more numerous in California, especially in some of the citrus orchards in the southern portion of the state. Irrigation water is getting shorter in some portions of Nevada and, in addition, every farmer complains of a shortage of labor which may interfere with cultivating and harvesting the crop.

This country is not out of the woods so far as the future food problem is concerned. For the present it is acutely critical and will continue so as long as the harvest is in the shock instead of in the barn. Texas is suffering from the drought that reduced the harvest in that state last year almost 50 per cent and Oklahoma will not return an average percentage unless there is an improvement in the weather. Kansas is beginning to feel an unusual dryness for this early in the year and Nebraska is apprehensive. So in view of these facts it is not all certain that this country will boast of a record-breaking wheat or other crop this year.

CROP FAILURE THIS YEAR MEANS FAMINE FOR THE WHOLE WORLD.

Get that under your hat and let it filter in to your brain tank when you see no reason for the food administrator becoming so particular about economizing in the use of wheat products.

Should there be a crop failure our boys will starve to death instead of dying from the merciless guns of the enemy. There is no escaping this conclusion and every consumer should exert himself to the end that not a single kernel of wheat shall be wasted.

THE WINGED BOLSHEVIST

A month ago there were unpleasant signs that the common house fly was to be unusually numerous this year. The first warm bright day in May brought him out in battalions and it was possible to remember and admire Ruskin's description of this black incarnation of caprice as "the most perfectly free and republican creature. . . . He does not care whether it is king or a clown whom he teases, and in every step of his swift mechanical, and in every pause of its resolute observation, there is one and the same perfect expression of perfect egotism, perfect independence, and self-confidence and conviction of the world having been made for flies."

The cold winter repressed his eternal buzz for the time being, but his great offensive will be renewed in force as soon as the weather grows a trifle warmer and one local naturalist is convinced that this winged Bolshevik is bound to become a deadlier danger to the public health this year than ever before. The power of increasing and multiplying possessed by Musca Domestica and its range of flight and microbe-carrying capacity are still far from being appreciated by the average citizen. A single female in a single summer could produce a progeny of 5598 millions; flies liberated at a certain point have been recaptured the day after nearly a mile away; and the number of bacteria carried by one insect from an insanitary area runs into millions. Their work as a disease-spreading agency is too well-known to require comment. The point for everybody to bear in mind just now is that, owing to war necessities, the house-fly has a far better chance of increasing and multiplying and carrying on its business of contamination and contagion than in any previous summer. The campaign of two years ago was not very fruitful of results. But little effect would be produced even if everybody acted incessantly on the maxim: Swat the fly! The only adequate remedy is the systematic destruction of the ova, the larvae, and the pupae in the breeding places.

California believes that advertising pays as a means of increasing consumption, since the food administrator of that state has stopped the bakeries from extolling the quality of their goods.

We sent them away with a smile and that smile is staying with the lads across the water, according to the latest reports from Berlin agencies.

CLIPPED AND CREDITED

Over in France when they catch a German spy they don't intern him as we do here. They inter him.—St. Joseph News.

Mourning over the death of Major Lufbery shows that he was ace of hearts as well as ace of the air.—Troy Record.

Women are being trained as camouflagers, and they say it is

really remarkable how little training they require.—The Texarkanan.

This new anti-loafing law makes things look gloomy for the golf links. But maybe they rank with tennis as work.—Schenectady Union.

The story that the Cyclops is safe has taken its place with that other claim that Lord Kitchener is still alive. More's the pity.—Los Angeles Times.

Americans have often journeyed to Europe about this time of the year, but never before in such a steady, stalwart stream and for such a splendid purpose.—Toronto Globe.

A short time ago the kaiser said: "We care nothing for that little, contemptible American army." Wonder how his all-highness feels now that the little army has expanded to 1,000,000 men on the firing line and more on the way?—Tacoma Ledger.

The anarchists who encompassed the ruin of the czar did not overlook taking care of themselves by swiping jewels when the swiping was good. Even at that they must have been a brace of pikers who only succeeded in getting away with a couple of millions in diamonds from the czar's coffers.

GEN. CROZIER STUDIES ITALIAN ORDNANCE

(By Associated Press.)
 HEADQUARTERS OF THE ITALIAN ARMY, June 6.—General Crozier of the American ordnance department and member of the advisory war board has spent a week of observation along the Italian front and at various large centers where artillery and munitions are produced. Besides seeing General Diaz and the Duke of Aosta he visited a number of the corps and division commanders along the mountain and Piava fronts, going into the trenches and among the men, discussing the many questions of equipment and supplies and specially observing the resources in guns. His impressions on the general condition of affairs were entirely favorable.

The production of artillery in Italy has been greatly intensified within recent months and the present equipment of light field and heavy guns is probably as good or better now than it was before the reverse of last fall. The great industrial plants of Genoa and Milan have doubled and quadrupled their output in guns, trench mortars, rifles, machine guns, the production of mortars increasing seven fold during the year. Similar extensive development has been going on in the production of mines and armor for naval construction and in the output of airplanes, ninety establishments being now equipped to turn out complete airplanes.

BASEBALL GAMES

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs	W.	L.	Pct.
Salt Lake	33	27	.550
Los Angeles	35	29	.548
Sacramento	29	29	.500
San Francisco	36	33	.476
Vernon	30	33	.476
Oakland	28	34	.451

Yesterday's Games

At San Francisco	R.	H.	E.
Los Angeles	8	17	9
Oakland	2	9	4

SYRIANS SELL THRIFT STAMPS IN EL PASO

(By Associated Press.)
 EL PASO, Tex., June 6.—Syrians of El Paso are organized to sell war and thrift stamps, collect Red Cross subscriptions and obtain subscriptions for Liberty bonds. The Syrian colony here has organized a club for this purpose and each member is pledged to buy at least \$1 in war stamps each week, to buy at least one Liberty loan bond and subscribe to the Red Cross campaign.

GOAT RAISING IN ALASKA

(By Associated Press.)
 FAIRBANKS, Alaska (By Mail), May 11.—Goat raising may be added to the industries of interior Alaska. Joseph Kehoe, a pioneer Tanana valley farmer, left here recently for "the outside" to purchase goats for shipment here next spring. He said he intended to study the goat question and decide, if possible, which kind of goat can best withstand the rigors of a northern winter.

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RUSSIAN CHURCHES LEFT IN LURCH

(By Associated Press.)
 JUNEAU, Alaska (By Mail), May 11.—Russian churches in Alaska have been having hard times making both ends meet since turmoil in Russia stopped the payment of money by the mother church toward the upkeep of these far away parishes.

All the churches in these sections are now being supported solely by their small congregations. Many of the churches contain valuable paintings and jeweled robes.

In order to eke out his salary, one member of the Russian clergy, Father A. P. Kashevaroff, arch priest in charge of the Russian church at Juneau, has taken the post of inspector of customs at Hidden Inlet, near here, for the summer. Father Kashevaroff is a native of Sitka, Alaska, and is well known in southern Alaska.

PORTO RICAN DRAFT

(By Associated Press.)
 SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, June 6.—Uniforms for 13,000 recruits, a full supply of ordnance stores, all the tentage that will be needed at Camp Las Casas and the complete equipment for the motor truck company, including 30 motor trucks and 25 motorcycles are here and stored awaiting the calling of Porto Rico's draft troops.

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BOOSTING HOME PRODUCTS

(By Associated Press.)
 EL PASO, Tex., June 6.—As a measure, the El Paso chamber of commerce recently gave a home products banquet at which only foodstuffs grown in El Paso valley were served. This was done to encourage the consumption of articles grown in this section in order to lighten the freight shipments form other sections and permit the rolling stock to be used for war work.

DEATH OF ELKO PIONEER

This community was shocked by the receipt of the news this morning of the passing away of Mrs. S. W. Henderson, well-known to almost every resident of Elko as one of the real pioneer women of this state and county. Mrs. Henderson departed this life at 4:15 a. m. today at her home in Evanston, Illinois, just a short distance from Chicago. At the time of her death her daughter, Mrs. Belle Brown, was at her side.—Elko Independent.

Those Hope-Filled Smokes.

Bill—Give some men rope enough and they'll hang themselves.

Gill—Oh, I don't think it's as bad as all that.

"What do you mean by bad as all that?"

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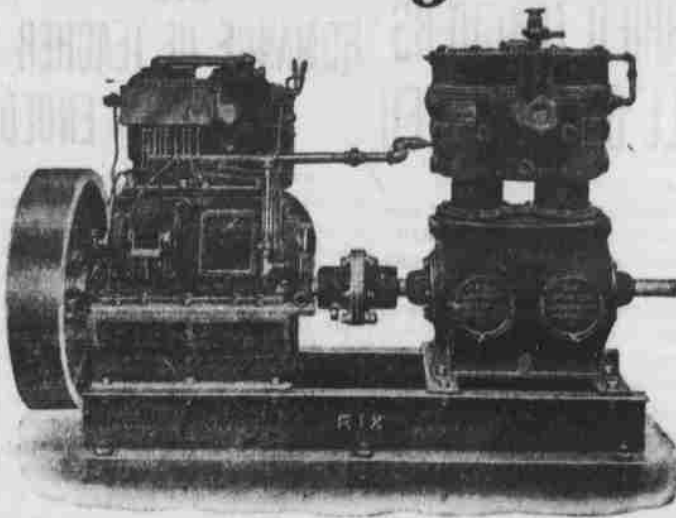
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